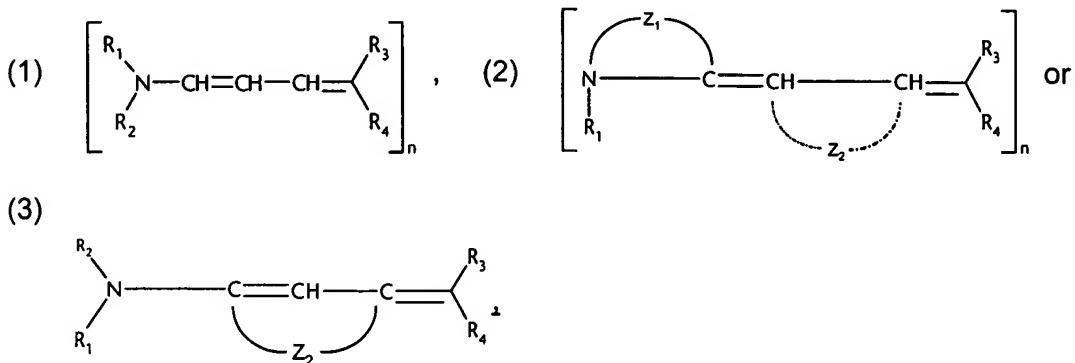


1. (currently amended): A method of protecting human and animal hair or skin from UV radiation, which comprises contacting said hair or skin with an effective UV-protective amount Use of a compound of formula



wherein

R₁ and R₂ are each independently of the other hydrogen; C₁-C₂₂alkyl; cyclo-C₃-C₈alkyl; or unsubstituted or C₁-C₆alkyl- or C₁-C₆alkoxy-substituted C₆-C₂₀aryl; or R₁ and R₂ together with the nitrogen atom linking them form a -(CH₂)_m- ring which is uninterrupted or interrupted by -O- or by -NH-;

R₃ is a cyano group; -COOR₅; -CONHR₅; -COR₅; or -SO₂R₅; or -CONR₁R₅;

R₄ is a cyano group; -COOR₆; -CONHR₆; -COR₆; or -SO₂R₆; or -CONR₂R₆;

R₅ and R₆ are each independently of the other C₁-C₂₂alkyl; cyclo-C₃-C₈alkyl cyclo-C₃-C₈alkyl; or unsubstituted or C₁-C₆alkyl-substituted C₆-C₂₀aryl C₁-C₆alkyl-substituted C₆-C₂₀aryl;

or R₃ and R₄ together or R₅ and R₆ together form a 5- to 7-membered, monocyclic, carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring;

Z₁ and Z₂ are each independently of the other a -(CH₂)_l- group which is uninterrupted or interrupted by -O-, -S-, or by -NR₇-, and/or is unsubstituted or substituted by C₁-C₆alkyl;

R₇ is C₁-C₅alkyl;

l is a number from 1 to 4;

m is a number from 1 to 7;

n is a number from 1 to 4;

when n = 2, R₁, R₅ or R₆ is a bivalent alkyl group; or R₁ and R₂ together with the 2 nitrogen atoms linking them form a -(CH₂)_m- ring;

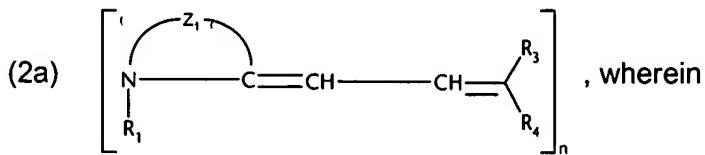
when n = 3, R₁, R₅ or R₆ is a trivalent alkyl group;

when n = 4, R₁, R₅ or R₆ is a tetravalent alkyl group; and

R₁ and R₂ in formula (1) are not simultaneously hydrogen.;

in protecting human and animal hair and skin from UV radiation.

2. (currently amended): A method Use according to claim 1, relating to a compound of formula (1) or



R₁ and R₂ are each independently of the other hydrogen; C₁-C₂₂alkyl; or unsubstituted or C₁-C₅alkyl- or C₁-C₅alkoxy-substituted C₆-C₂₀aryl; or R₁ and R₂ together with the nitrogen atom linking them form a -(CH₂)_m- ring which is uninterrupted or interrupted by -O- or by -NH-;

R₃ is a cyano group; -COOR₅; -CONHR₅; -COR₅; or -SO₂R₅;

R₄ is a cyano group; -COOR₆; -CONHR₆; -COR₆; or -SO₂R₆;

R₅ and R₆ are each independently of the other C₁-C₂₂alkyl; or unsubstituted or C₁-C₅alkyl-substituted C₆-C₂₀aryl;

or R₅ and R₆ together form a 5- to 7-membered, monocyclic, carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring;

Z₁ and Z₂ are each independently of the other a -(CH₂)_l- group which is uninterrupted or interrupted by -O-, -S-, or by -NR₇-, and/or is unsubstituted unsubstituted-or substituted by C₁-C₅alkyl;

R₇ is C₁-C₅alkyl;

l is a number from 1 to 4;

m is a number from 1 to 7;

n is a number from 1 to 4;

when n = 2, R₁, R₅ or R₆ is a bivalent alkyl group; or R₁ and R₂ together with the 2 nitrogen atoms linking them form a -(CH₂)_m- ring;

when n = 3, R₁, R₅ or R₆ is a trivalent alkyl group;

when n = 4, R₁, R₅ or R₆ is a tetravalent alkyl group; and

R₁ and R₂ in formula (1) are not simultaneously hydrogen.

3. (currently amended): A method Use according to either claim 1 or claim 2, wherein

R₁ and R₂ are each independently of the other C₁-C₂₂alkyl; or R₁ and R₂ together with the nitrogen atom linking them form a -(CH₂)_m- ring which is uninterrupted or interrupted by -O- or by -NH-;

R₃ is a cyano group; -COOR₅; -CONHR₅; -COR₅; or -SO₂R₅;

R₄ is a cyano group; -COOR₆; -CONHR₆; -COR₆; or -SO₂R₆;

R₅ and R₆ are each independently of the other C₁-C₂₂alkyl; or C₆-C₂₀aryl; and

Z is as defined in claim 1.

4. (currently amended): A method Use according to any one of claims 1 to 3 claim 1, wherein
R₃ is a cyano group; and
R₄ is -CONHR₆; and
R₆ is C₁-C₂₂alkyl; or C₆-C₂₀aryl.

5. (currently amended): A method Use according to any one of claims 1 to 4 claim 1, wherein
R₆ is C₄-C₂₀alkyl.

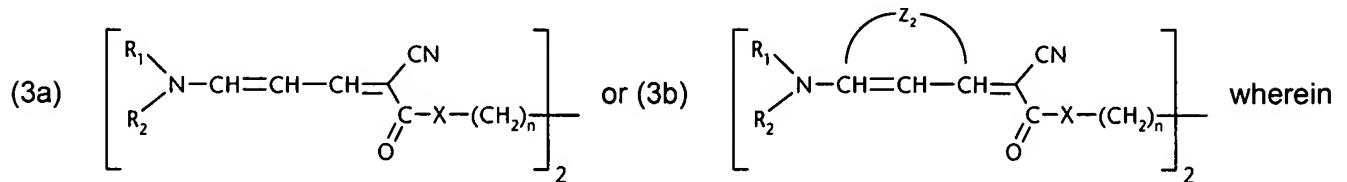
6. (currently amended): A method Use according to any one of claims 1 to 3 claim 1, wherein
R₁ and R₂ are each independently of the other C₁-C₂₂alkyl; or R₁ and R₂ together with the nitrogen
atom linking them form a -(CH₂)_m- ring which is uninterrupted or interrupted by -O- or by -NH-;
R₃ is -COOR₅;
R₄ is a cyano group; -COOR₆; or -SO₂R₆;
R₅ and R₆ are each independently of the other C₁-C₂₂alkyl; or C₆-C₂₀aryl; and
m is from 1 to 7.

7. (currently amended): A method Use according to claim 6, wherein
R₁ and R₂ are each independently of the other C₁-C₂₂alkyl; or R₁ and R₂ together with the nitrogen
atom linking them form a -(CH₂)_m- ring which is uninterrupted or interrupted by -O- or by -NH-;
R₃ is -COOR₅;
R₄ is -COOR₆;
R₅ and R₆ are each independently of the other C₁-C₂₂alkyl; or C₆-C₂₀aryl; and
m is from 1 to 7.

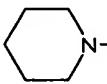
8. (currently amended): A method Use according to claim 6, wherein
R₁ and R₂ are each independently of the other C₁-C₂₂alkyl; or R₁ and R₂ together with the nitrogen
atom linking them form a -(CH₂)_m- ring which is uninterrupted or interrupted by -O- or by -NH-;
R₃ is -COOR₅;
R₄ is a cyano group;
R₅ is C₁-C₂₂alkyl; or C₆-C₂₀aryl; and
m is from 1 to 7.

9. (currently amended): A method Use according to claim 6, wherein
 R_1 and R_2 are each independently of the other C_1 - C_{22} alkyl; or R_1 and R_2 together with the nitrogen atom linking them form a $-(CH_2)_m$ - ring which is uninterrupted or interrupted by -O- or by -NH-;
 R_3 is $-COOR_5$;
 R_4 is $-SO_2R_6$;
 R_5 and R_6 are each independently of the other C_1 - C_{22} alkyl; or C_6 - C_{20} aryl; and
 m is from 1 to 7.

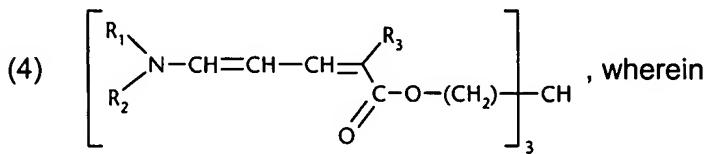
10. (currently amended): A method Use according to either claim 1 or claim 2 claim 1, which comprises using a compound of formula



R_1 and R_2 are each independently of the other C_1 - C_{22} alkyl; or R_1 and R_2 together with the 2 nitrogen atoms linking them form a $-(CH_2)_m$ - ring;
 X is -O-; or -NH-;
 Z_2 is a $-(CH_2)_l$ - group which is uninterrupted or interrupted by -O-, -S-, or by $-NR_7-$, and/or is unsubstituted or substituted by C_1 - C_6 alkyl; and
 n is a number from 1 to 3.

11. (currently amended): A method Use according to claim 10, wherein
 R_1 and R_2 are each independently of the other C_1 - C_{22} alkyl; or R_1 and R_2 together with the nitrogen atom linking them form the radical  ; or  .

12. (currently amended): A method Use according to claim 1, which comprises using a compound of formula



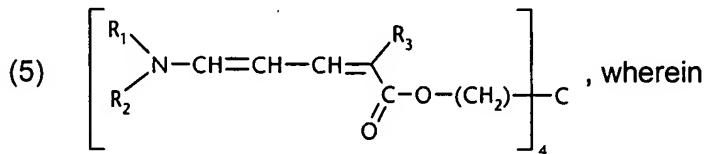
R_1 and R_2 are each independently of the other C_1 - C_{22} alkyl; or R_1 and R_2 together with the nitrogen atom linking them form a $-(CH_2)_m$ - ring which is uninterrupted or interrupted by -O- or by -NH-;

R_3 is a cyano group; $-COOR_5$; $-CONHR_5$; $-COR_5$; or $-SO_2R_5$; and R_5 and R_6 are each independently of the other C_1 - C_{22} alkyl; or C_6 - C_{20} aryl.

13. (currently amended): A method Use—according to claim 12, wherein
R₁ and R₂ are each independently of the other C₁-C₂₂alkyl; or R₁ and R₂ together with the nitrogen

atom linking them form the radical  ; or  .

14. (currently amended): A method Use according to either claim 1 or claim 2, which comprises using a compound of formula



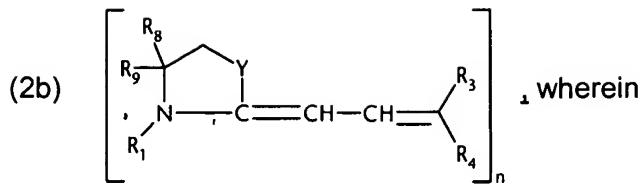
R₁ and R₂ are each independently of the other C₁-C₂₂alkyl; or R₁ and R₂ together with the nitrogen atom linking them form a -(CH₂)_m- ring which is uninterrupted or interrupted by -O- or by -NH-; R₃ is a cyano group; -COOR₅; -CONHR₅; -COR₅; or -SO₂R₅; and R₅ is C₁-C₂₂alkyl; or C₆-C₂₀aryl.

15. (currently amended): A method Use according to claim 14, wherein
R₁ and R₂ are each independently of the other C₁-C₂₂alkyl; or R₁ and R₂ together with the nitrogen

atom linking them form the radical  ; or  .

16. (currently amended): A method Use according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 15~~ claim 1, wherein Z_1 or Z_2 is an atom grouping which results in the formation of an oxazolidine ring, a pyrrolidine ring or a thiazolidine ring.

17. (currently amended): A method Use according to one of claim 16, wherein it the compound corresponds to formula



R₈ and R₉ are each independently of the other hydrogen; or C₁-C₅alkyl; and

Y is -O-; -S-; -O-CH₂-; or

and

R₁₇ is hydrogen; C₁-C₂₂alkyl; cyclo-C₃-C₈alkyl; or unsubstituted or C₁-C₆alkyl- or C₁-C₆alkoxy-substituted C₆-C₂₀aryl; or R₁ and R₂ together with the nitrogen atom linking them form a -(CH₂)_m-ring which is uninterrupted or interrupted by -O- or by -NH-;

R₃ is a cyano group; -COOR₅; -CONHR₅; -COR₅; or -SO₂R₅; -CONR₁R₅;

R₄ is a cyano group; -COOR₆; -CONHR₆; -COR₆; or -SO₂R₆; -CONR₂R₆;

R₅ and R₆ are each independently of the other C₁-C₂₂alkyl; cyclo-C₃-C₈alkyl; or unsubstituted or C₁-C₆alkyl-substituted C₆-C₂₀aryl;

or R₃ and R₄ together or R₅ and R₆ together form a 5- to 7-membered, monocyclic, carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring; and

n is a number from 1 to 4.

R₃, R₄ and n are as defined in claim 1.

18. (currently amended): A method Use-according to claim 17, wherein

R₁ is C₁-C₁₂alkyl;

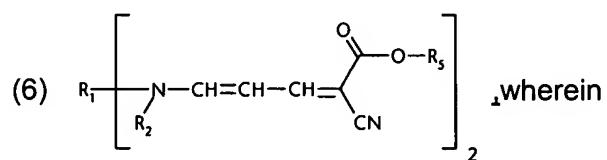
R₃ is a cyano group; -COOR₅; -COR₅; or -SO₂R₅;

R₄ is -COR₆; or -COOR₆;

R₅ and R₆ are each independently of the other unsubstituted or C₁-C₅alkyl- or C₁-C₅alkoxy-substituted C₆-C₂₀aryl.

19. (original): A cosmetic preparation comprising at least one or more compounds of formula (1) or (2) according to claim 1 with cosmetically acceptable carriers or adjuvants.

20. (currently amended): A compound of formula



R₁ is C₁-C₄alkylene;

R₂ is C₁-C₅alkyl; or R₁ and R₂ together with the 2 nitrogen atoms linking them form a -(CH₂)_m- ring;

R₅ is C₁-C₂₂alkyl; and

m is a number from 1 to 7.